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MINUTES.

The Synod of the Pacific met October 4th, A. D. 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M., in the Presbyterian Church of Stockton, California, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., the retiring Moderator, from John 7th chap., 16th and 17th verses. After sermon the meeting was constituted with prayer and the roll was called. The attendance was as follows :

PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

Ministers—R. R. Wells, Nathaniel B. Klink, Robert McCulloch, Robert Scrimgeour, Henry R. Avery, James S. McDonald, James S. Todd, Richard Wylie, William R. Stewart, James Mitchell, and F. H. Robinson.

Elders—S. Duncan, Tomales church ; C. E. Green, Davisville; A. A. Saunders, Westminster ; and H. I. Bailey, Clear Lake.

Ministers Absent—James Pierpont, Charles H. Crawford, A. J. Compton, M. D., F. M. Dimmick, Hugh McLeod, James L. Woods, Thomas Kirkland, H. Gustav Kieme, and James R. Hammond.

PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

Ministers—Robert Boag, Robt. Strong, and Edward Graham.

Elders—C. C. Rynerson, Santa Barbara church.

Ministers Absent—Joshua Phelps, D. D., Albert F. White, LL. D., James Gilchrist, Philander D. Young, Townsend E. Taylor, John Marquis, William C. Mosher, Samuel B. King, Ira M. Condit, James Cameron, James A. Mitchell, and W. F. P. Noble.

PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

Ministers—Nelson Slater, John Niles Hubbard, Horace A. Mayhew, P. L. Carden, James M. Newell, A. C. Gillies, John Carrington, H. H. Rice, Josiah McClain, William H. Tallmadge, and J. W. Ellis.

Elders—A. B. Venable, Sacramento Church ; W. H. Chamberlain, Placerville ; P. S. Peters, Columbia ; J. Crosier, Stockton.

Ministers Absent—B. B. Bonham, Lewis Thompson, J. B. Jewell, John Mack, Joseph H. Byers, Samuel Robinson, Ebenezer Halliday, Horatio B. McBride, James White, and Samuel M. Carothers.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Ministers—W. A. Scott, D. D., LL.D., Thomas Fraser, Edmund Verrue, Robert Smith Symington[2]*, James Matthews, D. D.[2], Asa S. Fiske, William H. Dean, Frederic E. Shearer, James Agnew, Jas. Woodworth[2], John Hemphill[3], John M. Allis, and James Curry.

Elders—Cyrus Carmany, Calvary Church ; A. S. Hall, Howard Street.

Ministers Absent—John Sessions, D. D., Albert Williams, Sylvester Woodbridge, D. D., George Burrowes, D. D., James Woods, Samuel T. Wells, Augustus W. Loomis, D. D., Hugh Smith Carpenter, D. D., Richard V. Dodge, Cyrus T. Mills, D. D., James Eells, D. D., Robert Patterson, D. D., Thomas M. Cunningham, D. D., J. D. Strong, William Buehren, David McClure, Ph. D., Peter V. Veeder, D. D., Richard G. McCarthy, Martin Luther Berger, Samuel P. Whiting, Calvin A. Poage, and James A. Merrill.

PRESYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

Ministers—Clement E. Babb, D. D., William Wallace Brier, Silas S. Harmon, John Edwards, William Alexander, D. D.,

* The figures indicate the day of the meeting on which the member first appeared.

Frank L. Nash, Henry Loomis, James L. Drum, and Alexander Fairbairn.

Elders—None.

Ministers Absent—John G. Downing, Wm. H. Wilson, Hugh H. Dobbins, Tracy M. Oviatt, Samuel P. Herron, Isaac N. Hurd, Alvin Ostrom, William F. B. Lynch, Eben M. Betts, Martin Post, Charles W. Anthony, J. Wayne Snowden, and Amos Jones.

The election of Moderator was had and resulted in the choice of Rev. Edward Graham, of the Presbytery of Los Angeles, Rev. Josiah McClain, of the Presbytery of Sacramento, and Rev. Jas. Curry of the Presbytery of San Francisco, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements and the Committee on Devotional Exercises reported in part, and the report was amended and adopted, and is as follows :

That our daily sessions commence at 9 A. M., with recess from 12 until 2 P. M., and recess from 5 until 7:30 P. M.; that the order of the day for this evening be a prayer meeting ; that to-morrow evening a popular meeting be held in the interests of Foreign Missions ; that Saturday evening a similar meeting be held in the interests of Home Missions; that the annual Sunday School meeting be held on Sabbath at 9:30 A. M.; that the Lord's supper be administered at 6 P. M., Sabbath.

Rev. W. J. McKnight, D. D., of the Synod of Cincinnati, and Rev. Loyal Y. Hayes, of the Synod of Wisconsin, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion, Synod took recess until 7½ o'clock P. M.

OCTOBER 4th, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Synod met at 7½ o'clock P. M., and spent the evening in a Synodical prayer meeting, under the direction of the Moderator, and adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, October 5th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met at nine o'clock A. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, which, in the absence of the Moderator, were conducted by Rev. Dr. Jas. Matthews.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

The Moderator then announced the Standing Committees, which are as follows:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES—Revs. Wm. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., James S. Todd, H. H. Rice, and Elder C. E. Jones.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE — Revs. W. Alexander, D. D., F. L. Nash, J. S. McDonald, and Elder C. C. Rynerson.

3. ON ASSEMBLY'S MINUTES—Revs. A. C. Gillies, Robert McCullough, and Elder W. H. Chamberlain.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE — Revs. Robert Scrimgeour, Robert Boag, and Elder C. Carmany.

5. ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNT—Revs. William H. Dean, H. R., Avery, and Elder J. C. McPherson.

6. FINANCE AND MILEAGE—Revs. Jas. M. Newell, J. M. Allis, J. Edwards, and R. Strong.

7. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY — Revs. James Matthews, D. D., H. A. Mayhew, James Mitchell, and Elder A. S. Hall.

8. ON CORRESPONDENCE — Revs. A. S. Fiske, Alex. Fairbairn, and Elder H. J. Bailey.

9. SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING FOR 1878 — Revs. N. B. Klink, Robert McCulloch, and Elder S. Duncan.

10. ON NARRATION FOR 1878. — Revs. W. W. Brier, J. W. Ellis, and Elder C. E. Green.

11. Presbyterial Records—

(1) Benicia — Revs. S. S. Harmon, James L. Drum, and Elder A. B. Venable.

(2) Los Angeles — Revs. Edmund Verrue, James Woodworth, and Elder A. A. Saunders.

(3) Sacramento — Revs. R. S. Symington, Rich. Wylie, and Elder P. S. Peters.

(4) San Francisco—Revs. P. L. Carden, W. R. Stewart, and Elder J. M. Rodgers.

(5) San Jose—Revs. N. Slater, W. R. Stewart, and Elder W. H. Chamberlain.

Rev. John Thompson, of the California Annual Conference, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was also invited to address the Synod on the work of the California Bible Society. After his address, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Rev. John Thompson, for his excellent and appropriate remarks in regard to the operations of the California Bible Society, and that we consider ourselves under obligations to urge upon all our churches the importance of taking up an annual collection for the Bible cause.

The report of the Directors of the San Francisco Theological Seminary was read by Rev. Dr. Scott, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and, on motion, the report was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

For the report, see Appendix A.

The report of the Committee on the Incorporation and By-Laws of churches, was presented by Rev. Frederic E. Shearer, chairman.

The report was accepted, and, after discussion, it was ordered that the report be printed in the appendix to the minutes of Synod, for action at the next meeting.

See Appendix B.

The Stated Clerk presented an appeal of T. M. Dawson from the action of the Presbytery of San Francisco, whereby he was deposed from the ministry, and cut off from the communion of

the communion of the church, and the appeal, with a letter accompanying the same, were, on motion, placed in the hands of the Judicial Committee.

Rev. T. S. Dunn, of the California Annual Conference, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Dr. Babb, Editor of THE OCCIDENT, made some statements concerning the OCCIDENT, and, at his request, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That in compliance with the request of the Editor of THE OCCIDENT, a committee of three be appointed to confer with him, and to consider and report upon such suggestions as he may make to them for increasing the efficiency of said paper as the medium of communication between the Presbyterian churches on this coast.

After prayer by Dr. Babb, Synod, on motion, took recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, October 5th, 1877.

The Synod convened at 2 o'clock P. M., and Rev. Thomas Fraser, Synodical Missionary, presented his report, which, on motion, was accepted and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

A second communication from T. M. Dawson, concerning his appeal from the action of the Presbytery of San Francisco, was received, and on motion, was referred to the Judicial Committee.

A communication from Rev. L. Dickerman, D. D., of the General Congregational Association of California, bearing the fraternal salutations of that body, was received and read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

On motion it was ordered that a committee, consisting of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, and three Elders, be appointed to report at this meeting, concerning changes in the standing rules.

Rev. S. B. Morse, of the San Francisco Baptist Association, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and adopted as follows :

1. The work of our Board of Foreign Missions has been greatly blessed of God during the year past, in the outpouring of His Spirit in connection with the labors of our missionaries. Witness the accessions in Mexico, to the number of 530 ; in Siam, Persia, Japan and Syria the accessions have been comparatively large. Verily, the wave of blessing is rolling round the world.

2. It is sad to think that the deficiency of contributions has compelled retrenchment, and the reduction of the missionary force instead of its enlargement. Can it be that Christ's people are willing to check the progress of His chariot of salvation ? God forbid.

The close of the financial year was marked with a heavy debt, which was canceled by the munificence of a noble Christian lady. It is greatly needed that streams of beneficence be made to flow to this Board from every church and from every Christian heart. Indeed, can he be a Christian who gives no heed to the Saviour's last command ?

3. We rejoice to be able to record the enlargement of the work of the Board for the Chinese on this coast, and also the efforts for their conversion made with considerable success by the ministers and churches here. This work should especially interest our churches, and call forth from them larger contributions.

4. According to the minutes of the Assembly, the contributions from the Synod last year to Foreign Missions were $4,110 —an average of 62 cents per member, an amount far too small. Of our 107 churches, only 46 made contributions to this work. the noblest, the grandest of the age, in its future consequences.

5. Of the amount thus contributed, a large share is to be credited to the Women's Missionary Societies. They deserve every encouragement in their generous work for women.

In view of these things, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That we render thanks to the great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity given to our feeble efforts to extend his kingdom in the earth.

2. That we earnestly urge every church to make contributions to the Board of Foreign Missions.

3. That we encourage the women of the church to form Wom-

en's Missionary Societies in every place ; and that we respectfully commend their Home for Chinese Women, in San Francisco, to their liberal contributions.

4. That we remind our churches of the importance of maintaining, as far as possible, Sabbath-schools for the instruction of the Chinese.

J. Edwards,
H. H. Rice,
James S. McDonald.

The committee appointed by the last Synod on the minutes of the Presbytery of Oregon, reported, recommending the approval of the minutes with sundry exceptions, and, on motion, the report was amended and the records approved without exception.

The Moderator announced the Committee on Standing Rules as follows :

Revs. F. E. Shearer, R. Strong, W. W. Brier, N. Slater, N. B. Klink, C. Carmany, J. C. McPherson, and C. C. Rynerson.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was presented by Rev. W. H. Dean, and adopted, and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief beg leave to report that in the absence of any reports from the Presbyterial Committee, we have examined the General Assembly's minutes, and find there recorded the following facts :

In the Presbytery of Benicia seven churches have contributed, $60, and seventeen have contributed nothing.

In the Presbytery of Los Angeles five churches have contributed $13, and eleven contributed nothing.

In the Presbytery of Sacramento four contributed $56, and twenty-two contributed nothing.

In the Presbytery of San Francisco three churches contributed $144, and nineteen contributed nothing.

In the Presbytery of San Jose ten churches contributed $128, and ten contributed nothing.

Whole number of churches contributing is 29.

Amount contributed, $401.

Whole number of churches contributing nothing is 79.

In view of the fact that this is one of the Boards established by the General Assembly, it seems to your Committee that this, as well as the other Boards, ought to be placed before each church for its benefactions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. Dean,
Robert Strong.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and the report was adopted and is as follows :

That the following delegates be appointed, to wit : To the Congregational Association of the State of California in 1878, Rev. H. H. Rice, Prircipal, Rev. F. M. Dimmick, Alternate; to the Pacific Synod (Cumberland Presbyterian Church,) 1877, Rev. J. N. Hubbard, Principal, Rev. W. W. Brier, Alternate; to the California Annual Conference, 1878, Rev. Wm. Alexander, D. D., Principal, Rev. W. H. Dean, Alternate; to the Pacific Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1877, Rev. R. S. Symington, Principal, R. Wylie, Alternate.

A. S. Fiske,
A. Fairbairn,
H. J. Bailey.

The report of the Committee on Church Erection was made and adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee would respectfully report that during the Synodical year there have been erected five houses of worship.

That there are now in process of erection, three houses of worship.

The Board has aided five churches, giving $3,650.

The coming year we shall need about $5,000 to complete houses in process of erection, or to be erected.

That during the year there has been contributed to this Board, $464, or 7 cents per member, a fraction less than last year.

Twenty-four churches have contributed $464.

Eighty-two have given nothing to this Board.

In these 24 churches there are 1,777 members, and they have thus given 26 cents each to this Board, while 4,934 members have given nothing.

The benevolent work of our church ought to be raised to a higher standard.

Your committee think that the unit of giving is not commensurate with the unit of receiving, and we cordially recommend every church in this Synod to take up an annual collection for the Board of Church Erection.

N. B. KLINK,
Chairman.

The Presbyteries of Sacramento, Benicia and Los Angeles, made their several reports, and they were each, on motion, accepted. For these see Appendix C.

Rev. L. Y. Hayes, reported in behalf of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, recommending that the Moderator preach in the Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath, at 11 o'clock A. M., and, at the same hour, Prof. Alexander preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. J. M. Newell in the Congregational Church, and Rev. John Edwards in the Baptist Church; that at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at 6 o'clock P. M., the Moderator preside, and that Rev. John Edwards distribute the bread, Rev. N. Slater distribute the wine, and Elders C. Carmany, A. S. Hall, W. H. Chamberlain, and J. Crosier serve the tables; and that at 7½ o'clock P. M., Prof. Alexander preach in the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. R. Wylie in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. A. C. Gillies in the Congregational Church.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Denominational Comity made a verbal report, stating that there has been harmony, so far as known, during the year.

The report was accepted.

Rev. John Edwards, delegate to the Pacific Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, gave reasons for not visiting that body, and his excuse was accepted.

Dr. Scott, delegate to the Pacific Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reported verbally.

The report was accepted.

A motion that Standing Rule No. 1 be amended so that future meetings of Synod should begin on the first Monday Evening of October, was discussed, and referred to the Committee on Standing Rules.

The report of the Presbytery of San Francisco was presented and accepted, for which see Appendix C.

On Motion, Rev. J. M. Allis was appointed Alternate preacher for the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod was invited to hold its next meeting in Calvary Church, San Francisco, and, on motion, the invitation was accepted.

Prof. Alexander reported, in part, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, recommending that Dr. Scott conduct the meeting to-night, and that Revs. P. L. Carden, Henry Loomis, A. S. Fiske, and W. J. McKnight, D.D., be invited to address the meeting.

The report was adopted.

On motion Rev. R. Wylie was added to the Committee on Mileage.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented by Prof. W. Alexander, D. D., and is as follows:

The Synod has no schools under its immediate control, except the Theological Seminary and this Institution has submitted a

separate report. There are, however, a number of excellent institutions of learning within our bounds, under the control of ministers and members of our own Church. The committee would call the attention of Synod to the following considerations :

1. The duty of our people to patronize institutions under the control of our own ministers and members, in preference to other schools, in all cases where our own are of equal excellence and equally accessible.

2. The necessity of having one or more of these institutions speedily endowed and raised to the rank of a first-class college. There is, at present, no place in California where our sons can obtain a first-class collegiate education, under such Christian influence as we consider desirable.

3. The great importance of an increase of candidates for the holy ministry. To this end we would affectionately and earnestly urge our brethren to be vigilant and faithful in looking out suitable young men and turning their attention to the ministry ; and in impressing upon parents the duty of devoting their sons to God in the ministry of His Son.

The report was adopted.

It was resolved to hear Rev. T. S. Dunn, a delegate of the California Annual Conference, to-morrow at 9½ o'clock A. M.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary reported in part, nominating for Directors of the San Francisco Theological Semary for the ensuing three years: Revs. T. M. Cunningham, D. D., Frederic E. Shearer, W. W. Brier, John Hemphill, and Elders Stephen Franklin, and R. J. Trumbull. The Synod then proceeded to ballot for Directors. Temporary Clerk was directed to cast the ballot and did so ; and the election of the above named Directors was then announced.

Synod then proceeded to ballot for a Synodical Missionary. Rev. Thos. Fraser was nominated, and, on motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to cast the ballot, which he did, and the

election of Mr. Fraser was announced.

On motion, the session of Calvary Church was appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises for the next meeting of Synod; and this session, and J. B. Ford, Geo. Mearns, S. I. C. Sweezy, Chas. Geddes, J. K. S. Latham, J. B. Ford, John Gamble, and A. S. Hall, a Committee of Arrangements.

On motion, the Synod took recess at 4½ o'clock P. M., until 7½ o'clock P. M.

Evening Session.

The Synod convened at 7½ o'clock P. M. Rev. Dr. Scott presided. Addresses were made by Revs. W. J. McKnight, D. D., P. L. Carden, Henry Loomis, and A. S. Fiske.

A communication from the Occidental Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society was read by Rev. J. S. McDonald.

On motion, the Editor of The Occident was requested to publish the report of the Occidental Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was read at the meeting this evening.

After singing the doxology, and prayer by Dr. Scott, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning, October 6th, A. D. 1877.

The Synod convened at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Robt. Scrimgeour. On motion, standing rule No. V. was suspended, and the devotional exercises postponed until the afternoon session.

Rev. Thos. Fraser offered the following, concerning missionary work among the Chinese, to wit:

Whereas, the work among the Chinese on this coast is identified with our Home Missionary work, many of our Home Missionaries giving to it much of their time and labor; and *whereas*, the Chinese, like those from other nations, and our Indian tribes, are a part of our population, are under our protection, and sub-

ject to our laws; and *whereas*, the Board of Home Missions is the agent of our church for giving the gospel to our own people; therefore

Resolved, That the General Assembly be overtured to transfer our Chinese missionary work on this coast, with whatever pertains thereto, from the Board of Foreign Missions to the Board of Home Missions.

On motion, the subject was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following was adopted, to wit:

Whereas, Our Church in Santa Barbara is burdened with a debt of $8,500, thereby threatening the loss of the property and the disruption of the Church; and

Whereas, The failure of liberal supporters, in connection with depreciation of real estate, and the depression in business, due to a dry year, has greatly weakened the Church; therefore,

Resolved, that we recommend the Santa Barbara Church to the Board of Church Erection, for aid in the payment of its debt, to the amount of $2,000.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, the Revs. T. S. Dunn, and John Thompson, delegates from the California Annual Conference, addressed the Synod.

The Committee appointed to consult with the Editor of THE OCCIDENT reported, and the report was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That Rev. James Eells, D. D., Rev. W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., Rev. R. Patterson, D. D., Rev. John Hemphill, and Rev. A. S. Fiske, be appointed by this Synod a Standing Committee on THE OCCIDENT to advise with the Editor, to represent in regard to it the interests of the Synod, and to render him such assistance, in the editorial conduct of the paper, as may be consistent with their other duties.

Resolved, That the brethren of the Synod be earnestly requested to report promptly to THE OCCIDENT, all matters of interest that may occur in their churches or fields of labor, and thus to make it as fully as possible "the medium of communication," and a bond of sympathy and union between our members.

The Committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Benicia made their report. On motion, the report was received and placed on the Docket.

The Committee on Home Missions reported, and, on motion, the report was accepted and placed on the docket.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary reported, and the report was accepted and adopted as follows :

There have been placed in the hands of your Committee, the minutes of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Theological Seminary ; a financial statement of the Board of Trustees ; a statement of the contingent fund for the students for the year 1876–77, with accompanying vouchers ; also a report of the Faculty of the Seminary.

We find the financial statement clear, and the vouchers sufficient, giving proof of great skill and fidelity in the management of the funds. It is not thought necessary to enter upon any detailed statements respecting the various funds at this time, as there are many outstanding subscriptions not yet collected. It is hoped that by the close of the next synodical year these will be so adjusted as to enable the Synod to have a distinct understanding of the financial condition of the Seminary.

It is a matter of devout thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, that, by his blessing on the labors of his servants, a commodious building has been erected for the use of the Seminary, and partly furnished for use, through the liberality of certain individuals and churches. It is hoped that still others may be prompted to contribute to the complete furnishing of the remaining rooms, that the Seminary may be prepared to accommodate all who shall desire to avail themselves of its advantages.

Especially would we urge upon the churches the necessity of contributions to the contingent fund for students. It is not right that our young brethren who have given themselves to the Church for the work of the ministry should be left to suffer. Nor is it just that our brethren who have for five years given their labors to the Seminary, almost without compensation, should be burdened with the additional care of providing from their own pockets what is needful for the support of the students.

From the report of the Faculty we find that three young brethren finished their course in the Seminary in April last, and were graduated. One new student has entered this term ; and at present there are three in the senior class, one in the middle, and one in the junior class. Two others have signified their purpose to be present, but have not yet arrived on the ground.

We would recommend the following action by the Synod :

Resolved, 1st—That the records of the Board of Directors be approved ; and the skill of the Trustees in the management of the funds be specially commended.

2d—That the thanks of Synod are due to the Professors who have labored so faithfully and efficiently in the several chairs of instruction, with such inadequate compensation; to the friends in the East who have contributed so liberally to the funds of the institution; and to our own churches and people who have contributed of their money, or in any other way have labored for the success of this important agency of the Church in training up those who are to be her future ministers.

3d—That we express our great gratification at the erection of the new building without incurring any debt; at the prospect of the endowment of several of the chairs in the Seminary, and trust that the day may speedily come when each Professor may receive some adequate compensation for his able and efficient labors.

We would also recommend the following action:

Resolved, That our sister Synod of Columbia be invited to unite with the Synod of the Pacific in the appointing of Directors, and in the oversight and control of the Seminary, on such terms as may be mutually satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jas. Matthews,
F. A. Mayhew,
Jas. Mitchell,
A. S. Hall.

The Judicial Committee presented its report on the appeal of T. M. Dawson, from the action of the Presbytery of San Francisco, and the report was unanimously adopted and is as follows:

The appellant was cut off from the ministry and membership of the Presbyterian Church, as the Book of Discipline directs in such cases. Against this sentence he wishes to appeal to this Synod.

The committee are unanimously of the opinion that this appellant has no standing in court, for the following reasons:

1. It does not appear that he *submitted to a trial*, and, consequently, has no right of appeal.

2. At the time when proceedings were instituted against him, he was not, nor did not claim to be a member of a church of another denomination, and, the fact of his having become such at a subsequent period, was no bar to the prosecution of his trial by the Presbytery, but is proof of the violation, by a sister denomination, of the principles of denominational comity, and is a blow at the foundation of all church order and discipline

3. His pretense of having withdrawn from the Presbytery of San Francisco, A. D. Aug. 9th, 1875, or at any other time, is in palpable contradiction of the law and usages of the Presbyterian Church in such cases, as was decided in this case, by this Synod, at Oakland, Oct., A. D. 1875, and by the General Assembly at Brooklyn, New York, in May, A. D. 1876. He was, therefore, still a member of the Presbytery of San Francisco, Sept. 4th, A. D. 1877, and so continued until his deposition.

4. There is ample evidence that the Presbytery served upon him a copy of the charges, and cited him to appear, according to the requirements of the Book of Discipline, a part of that evidence being his own affidavit, on record in the 19th District Court, in San Francisco, in which he sets out as cause of complaint, that the Presbytery has already served two citations upon him, and if not restrained by the court, will proceed to try him forthwith. Evidence of the third citation is found in his own admission, in his sixth reason for appeal. These citations he disregarded, and pretended to renounce the jurisdiction of his Presbytery, haling it into the Civil Court, an offence for which he was deserving of deposition, altogether apart from the charges preferred against him. He was, therefore, rightly deposed.

5. The language of a part of his appeal is scurrilous and indecent, and not such as ought to be entertained by any court, ecclesiastical or civil.

For these reasons, the Committee recommend that the case be dismissed, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform Mr. Dawson of the fact, and, also, that if he were here present, he could not be recognized as having any case or any standing in court.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Sacramento, reported, recommending their approval, and the report was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Home Missions was taken from the docket, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

The Committee has made diligent inquiry from Presbyteries and the able report of our Synodical Missionary.

We find that, in the Presbytery of Benicia, the church at Vacaville has received from the Board, $400; the church at Ukiah, $500; the church at Fulton, $150—in all, $1,050.

In the Presbytery of Los Angeles, the church at San Bernardino has received $700; the church at Wilmington, $400; the church at Pasadina, $500; the churches at Orange and Ojai, $300—in all, $1,900.

In the Presbytery of Sacramento, the church at Ione has received $400 ; the church at El Dorado, $250 ; the church at Mt. Aukum, $400 ; the church at Elk Grove, $400 — in all, $1,050. The church at Columbia has applied for $600 ; nothing as yet granted.

In the Presbytery of San Francisco, the French Mission has received $250, and the church at Danville, $400—in all, $650.

In the Presbytery of San Jose, the church at Visalia has received $450 ; the church at Cambria, $400 ; the church at Mayfield, $200 ; the church at Salinas City, $500—in all, $1,550. The church at Livermore has applied for $500 ; not yet granted.

Thus the Board has given to our Home Mission churches during the synodical year, $6,200. The churches of the Synod have contributed to the Board about $2,300, or a little more than one-third as much as has been received by the missionary churches.

We must add to our receipts from the Board, the salary and traveling expenses of our Synodical Missionary, amounting to $2,000, which makes the whole amount received from the Board for home work within the bounds of the Synod, $8,200.

Seventeen missionaries have been commissioned, in addition to the Synodical Missionary. In April last, there were connected with the churches then aided by the Board, 1,163 church members, and 2,220 Sabbath-school scholars, or 63 for each missionary.

It appears that a number of churches failed to receive the aid asked, and it is manifest that our missionaries have been often forced to accept less than they should receive in order to live comfortably. Hard times in the East, and the impression that we are rich here, have induced the Board to withdraw, to some extent, the distinguished liberality extended to us in the years past. This is not to be wondered at, when we learn that the churches of this Synod have given to Home Missions only 35 cents per member. Our churches have expended for congregational purposes and the benevolent work of the Church, $32.62 per member ; while the great Synod of New York has given for the same purposes, $27.23. The natural inference on the eastern coast would be that we feel very little interest in Home Missions ; that we discriminate against this branch of our work.

Is this true ? Surely not. Our Home Missionary churches are doing a great work among the heathen on our coast ; many of them are teaching the Chinese in Sabbath-schools. And we do know that vast numbers from the East, and from all the nations of the earth, are coming and spreading out over our unoccupied valleys, capable of boundless production through irrigation, and upon the fertile mountains.

We need a Presbyterial Missionary in each of the Presbyteries of Los Angeles, San Jose, Benicia and Sacramento, to go into forming communities and remain until churches are organized and houses of worship are built—men of experience in laying the foundations of churches.

Unless we enter upon the work with more earnestness, the church in California will relatively go backwards. Should we contribute at the rate of one dollar for each member of our churches, the amount would exceed that appropriated by the Board for our feeble churches during the past synodical year. Then, should the Board appropriate three times as much—as it no doubt would—we should be able to do what is needed in this great work, and see the desert blossom as the rose.

We recommend that each minister of Synod be requested to preach a sermon on Home Missions before April 1st, 1878, and take efficient measures to raise a sum for this work equal to one dollar per member in his church; that in sending the money forward to the Board it be stated that the reason for contributing thus is the great need for more liberal grants within the bounds of this Synod.

We recommend that all our churches form Women's auxiliary Home Missionary societies wherever practicable.

W. W. Brier,
N. B. Klink,
J. M. Newell.

Dr. Scott, chairman of the committee on Bills and Overtures, reported on the proposed transfer of the missionary work from the Board of Foreign Missions to the Board of Home Missions, without recommendation. The report was accepted, and, on motion, the whole subject laid on the table.

The Committee to revise the Standing Rules, reported, and the report was accepted, amended and adopted. For the rules as revised, see Appendix D.

It was resolved that the next meeting of Synod be on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1878, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

A communication from the Rev. A. C. McClelland, Secretary, upon the work of the churches among the Freedmen, was received and read, and it was

Resolved, That our churches be urged to contribute to the cause of the Freedmen during the year.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of San

Francisco, reported verbally, and, on motion, the subject was recommitted, and Revs. W. W. Brier and N. B. Klink were added to the committee.

A second letter from Mr. T. M. Dawson was received, and, on motion, it was referred to the Judicial Committee without reading.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, reported that the following members applied for leave of absence, and requested to be excused, and the request was granted: *Ministers*—Dr. W. A. Scott, A. Fairbairn, F. H. Robinson, W. H. Dean, Dr. Babb, A. S. Fiske, F. L. Nash, H. H. Rice, S. S. Harmon, J. M. Allis, Jas. Matthews, D. D., W. R. Stewart, J. L. Drum; *Elders*—J. M. Rodgers, C. E. Green, A. B. Venable, and P. S. Peters.

R. Scrimgeour, Committee.

On motion, the above persons were declared entitled to receive their respective apportionment of the mileage fund.

Rev. J. L. Drum was substituted for Rev. W. H. Dean, on the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Report of the Presbytery of San Jose was presented and accepted, for which see Appendix C.

The Committee to examine the records of the Presbytery of Los Angeles, reported, recommending that the minutes be approved, excepting the Rules or By-Laws for churches, on pages 60, 61 and 62, and that they be not approved, and the Presbytery be directed to revise these rules.

Edward Verrue,
James Woodworth,
A. A. Saunders.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of San Jose reported, recommending their approval.

The Report was adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported on the second communication from Mr. Dawson, recommending that no attention be given to his letter.

The report was adopted.

It was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries be directed to send, at an early day, to the Stated Clerk of Synod, the

names of the elders of the respective churches in their Presbyteries, and that these be published in the Appendix to the minutes.

The following report was received and adopted, to wit :

The Committee on Mileage respectfully report :

1. The amount placed at our disposal by the Treasurer, under rule second, is $430.

2. The claims, deductions, deficits and cash allowed, are as follows :

BENICIA PRESBYTERY.

Claims	$167 50
Deduction ($5 per claim)	65 00
Net Claim	102 50
Deficit	23 90
Balance for Mileage	$ 78 60

LOS ANGELES PRESBYTERY.

Claims	$122 00
Deductions ($5 per claim)	20 00
Net Claim	$102 00
No deficit.	
Balance for Mileage	$102 00

SACRAMENTO PRESBYTERY.

Claims	$153 00
Deductions ($5 per claim)	45 00
Net Claim	$108 00
Deficit	14 65
Balance for Mileage	$ 93 35

SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERY.

Claims	$56 00
Deductions ($5 per claim)	40 00
Net Claims	$ 16 00
Balance for Mileage	$ 16 00

San Jose Presbytery.

Claims	$127 50
Deductions ($5 per claim)	45 00
Net Claims	$ 82 50
Deficit	34 40
Balance for Mileage	$ 48 10
Total Claims	$626 00
Deductions ($5 per claim)	215 00
Net Claims	$411 00
Deficit	72 95
Total amounts paid to Treasurers of Presbyteries for Mileage	$338 05
Balance to Treasurer of Synod	$ 91 95

We recommend that, of this balance, $80 be appropriated to the Presbytery of San Francisco, to aid in the purchase of a safe, in which the Synod's documents may be kept.

We also recommend that the rate of assessment of ten cents per communicant be continued for another year.

On motion, and at the request of Mr. Fraser, the Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to return to him the report of the Synodical Missionary.

It was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to print the report of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, in the Appendix to the minutes.

On motion, the Synod took recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Saturday Afternoon, October 5th, 1877.

The Synod met at 2 o'clock P. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a verbal report, which was accepted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of San Francisco, reported, recommending their approval.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Benicia was taken up.

The report was amended and the records approved.

It was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, by the Moderator, to take into consideration the whole subject of crime, as it exists within the geographical bounds of this Synod, to inquire into its causes and to report the result at the next annual meeting, with such recommendations and suggestions, concerning our duty in the premises, as they may deem it proper to make.

On motion, the Narrative of the State of Religion was made the first order of the day for this evening.

Rev. John Hemphill appeared and presented his excuse for tardiness, and, on motion, his reasons were sustained.

The following communication was received, to wit :

To the Synod of the Pacific :

In view of the fact that the geographical position, mineral and commercial interests of Arizona Territory, and, also, her shortest and best means of communication all tend to identify her population with that of the Pacific States, her natural ecclesiastical connection is with these States.

Therefore, we petition your honorable body to take such steps as are necessary to secure the transfer of Arizona Territory from the bounds of the Synod of Colorado to that of the Synod of the Pacific.

Tucson, A. T., Sept. 20th, 1877. J. A. Merrill.
Prescott, A. T., Sept. 28th, 1877. J. E. Anderson.

On motion, the Synod ordered a memorial to be presented to the next General Assembly, asking the desired change, and directed the Stated Clerk to prepare the memorial.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report, to wit :

That Revs. R. Scrimgeour and J. Woodworth preach in the M. E. Church, to-morrow.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the Rev. A. C. Gillies was substituted for Rev. J. S. McDonald, as delegate to the Congregational Association for the present year.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted, and, on motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

It is as follows :

The Treasurer of Synod would respectfully report that at the session of October, A. D. 1876, there was, in his hands, a balance of.....$450 55

That he has received from the Treasurer of the San Francisco Presbytery.....	219 70
Treasurer of Benicia Presbytery.....	71 20
" " San Jose "	69 80
" " Sacramento "	88 05
" " Los Angeles "	64 40
	$963 70
That he has paid for mileage at the Synod of 1876, as per Voucher No. 1	$333 90
And also, as per Voucher No. 2.....	2 40
Salary of Stated Clerk, Voucher No. 3.....	50 00
Postage, Voucher No 4.....	3 15
4 Blank Books for Minutes, Voucher No. 5.....	2 60
Blanks, Voucher No. 6.....	1 83
Mileage 1877, to the Presbytery of San Francisco, Voucher No. 7.....	16 00
To the Presbytery of Los Angeles, Voucher No. 8....	102 00
To the Presbytery of Sacramento, Voucher No. 9.....	93 35
To the Presbytery of San Jose, Voucher No. 10.....	48 10
To the Presbytery of San Francisco, for Safe, Voucher No. 11.....	80 00
Printing Minutes, Voucher No. 12.....	80 00
	$813 33
Balance on hand.....	150 37
	$963 70

On motion, the sermon by the Moderator, at the opening of Synod, was requested for publication in *The Occident.*

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account reported that they had examined the same and compared it with the vouchers, and found it to be correct, and recommended its approval.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the Standing Committees were discharged.

The minutes were read, and approved as far as read.

It was

Resolved, To suspend Standing Rule No. XXIV, and have the roll of Synod called at the close of this evening's session.

The Synod, after prayer by Rev. F. E. Shearer, took recess at 4½ o'clock, until 7½ o'clock this evening.

SATURDAY EVENING, October 6th, A. D. 1878.

The Synod convened at 7½ o'clock P. M. The first hours of the evening were devoted to the consideration of the subject of Home Missions. Rev. John Hemphill presided. Rev. Richard Wylie read the Narrative of the State of Religion, and addresses were made by Revs. Thos. Fraser, Jas. Newell, Richard Wylie and John Hemphill.

The business of Synod was then resumed.

It was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the pastor and members of this church and congregation, for their generous and cordial entertainment of the Synod.

The Moderator announced the members of the Committee on Crime to be Rev. Horace A. Mayhew, Rev. James Eells, D. D., and Hon. H. H. Haight.

The Standing Committees for 1878 were announced by the Moderator, for which see pages three and four.

It was

Resolved, That in the undenominational work of the American Tract Society, we recognize a spirit and bond of unity among evangelical churches, and a practical method of preaching Christ in many homes, remote from the pulpit, to the masses who neglect the sanctuary, and to those speaking the many languages of the Coast in which we have few or no evangelical preachers; and,

Resolved, That we commend this Society to the confidence of the churches for sympathy, prayers and contributions.

On motion, the Narrative of the State of Religion was adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion, within the bounds of the Synod of the Pacific, offer the following report for the year ending October, A. D. 1877 :

In the Presbytery of San Francisco there has been a revival of zeal among the churches in meeting and attempting to meet their financial obligations, and liquidate oppressive debts: Calvary, Westminster and Larkin street Churches are named as entirely successful in their efforts, while others are following their example, with the best prospects of securing, at an early day, the results desired. These efforts, involving much of personal sacrifice, it is to be hoped, may be the indications and promotion of that blessing which is promised in response to the fidelity of Christian liberality.

Two new churches have been organized, one at West Berkeley, and the other, a French Protestant Church, in San Francisco.

One church has enjoyed a continuous revival, another has trebled its membership during the year, but, on the whole, the number of additions in the churches, by profession of faith, has not been equal to that reported last year. Regret is expressed that the embarrassments of the Tabernacle Church are still unremoved, and fear expressed as to its future. The tokens of the divine favor are not wanting in connection with the stated ministry of the Word, and prayer meetings and Sabbath schools have been attended with zeal and growing interest. While the temporal condition of most of the churches is very much better than ever before, the people recognize their need of the effusion in more abundant measure of the Holy Spirit, and look forward with hope to the coming year for the bestowal of that inestimable blessing.

The Presbytery of Los Angeles reports itself in a healthful and hopeful condition, the ministers being all actively engaged, and steady accessions having been made to the membership of the churches.

While some of the congregations have been hampered by the financial pressure incident to the partial failure of the crops, still all have been able to weather the storm, and substantial progress even in the face of difficulties is evidenced by the erection of two new church edifices, and the organization of one new church.

The Presbytery of Benicia reports that there is much evidence to show that the work has been during the past year one of substantial progress. Two churches have been organized, two pastors installed, one licentiate ordained.

Two churches have become self-sustaining, one new edifice erected, and the tokens of the divine favor are such as are calculated to call forth the expressions of gratitude, and to stimulate the efforts of the future.

From the Presbytery of Sacramento there are cheering evidences of the divine favor, and a spiritual progress which is

characterized as "steady, if not rapid, sure, if not great." One new church edifice has been erected, one church freed from its debt. A special work of grace is mentioned at Placerville, the immediate results of which include about fifty hopeful conversions.

To the entire field this remark may be applied that, while we must continue to regret the special hindrances still incident to the peculiar and mixed condition of California society, which still betrays the antecedents of the adventurer and the mining camp, yet we trust the church is making certain progress, every year more visible, in abating the evils that have hitherto been a curse upon our social and civil life.

From the report of the Synodical Missionary we learn that nine new churches have been organized, and those chiefly in the small towns and in country places throughout the State, giving evidence that the work of the churches is spreading, by a natural process, from the larger centres, where the wisdom of former workers had laid the good foundation of these results. It is with much satisfaction that we find that, as there is a continued demand for ministerial workers in such new fields, quite a large number of them are efficiently filled by the graduates, and acceptably supplied by the students of our own Theological Seminary, a sufficient commentary upon the wisdom and faith of its founders. It is especially gratifying to note the completion and dedication of the new Theological Hall, and the general prosperity of the Seminary, and we trust, as its work is increased, and its existence so fully approved and justified that the liberality of its friends, at home and abroad, may enlarge its efficiency, and that all our churches may extend to its devoted professors the substantial evidences of their appreciation and hearty co-operation.

From the North we hear the war cry of a newly organized division of the ecclesiastical army, and feel ourselves stronger by knowing that the veteran Presbytery of Oregon bears now upon her old flag-staff the new banner of the "Synod of the Columbia;" long may it wave!

We note with interest the continued success and efficiency of "*The Occident*," which, as a weekly religious journal, extends its influence and enlarges its circulation, commending itself to the head and the heart in a way that challenges respect and awakens esteem.

As regards the special work among the Chinese, all of our Presbyteries report its continuance with marks of increasing interest. Besides the mission in San Francisco, that at Los Angeles has been carried on with success during the year, and a new mission established, under the care of Rev. I. M. Condit,

in Oakland.

The Women's Missionary Society in San Francisco has also maintained its benevolent work in behalf of the heathen women, and has not only rescued many of these from their life of shame, but has also established some of them in families, and surrounded them with the best blessings of our charity. To this society much is due, over and above the credit deserved, for its own direct work, for what it has indirectly effected in awakening the interest of the people at large, to the duty which we owe to the resident brethren, and in arousing the spirit of true Christian life to meet the incoming tide of pagan immigration.

In conclusion, we return thanks to God for the progress of the year that is past, and, in humble dependence upon His blessing turn our eyes to future.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD A. WYLIE,
Chairman.

The minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.

The roll was called and the following were absent without leave:

Ministers—James S. McDonald, James S. Todd, Sylvester Woodbridge, D. D., and Charles W. Anthony.

Elders—J. Crosier.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock, to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Closed with prayer.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, A. D. 1877.

At 9½ o'clock A. M., a Sunday school meeting was held, and at 11 o'clock A. M., the Moderator preached the gospel in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, and the Synod met at 6 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, united with the church, in which its sessions were held, in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

At the conclusion of the evening service, which followed the communion, and at which Rev. Professor W. Alexander, D. D., preached the gospel, the Moderator declared the Synod to be adjourned to meet in Calvary Church, San Francisco, October 1st, A. D. 1878, at 7½ o'clock P. M., and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

[A]

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, TO THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC, TO MEET IN THE CITY OF STOCKTON, OCTOBER 4TH, A. D. 1877.

Reverend and Dear Brethren:

We herewith submit to you the financial statement of the Trustees marked A and B, and also a statement of the Contingent Fund for the students, for the term 1876–77, marked C, with accompanying vouchers ; and, also, a statement of contributions, made for completing and furnishing the Seminary Building, showing from whom received and how used. This statement is not complete, for the reason that all the subscriptions are not yet paid, and a few small bills we have not up to this date been able to obtain, and, also, because some of the rooms are not yet completely furnished. This statement is marked D.

We are happy to say, however, that the lot and the Seminary Building are paid for, and also the furnishing of the rooms as far as completed, so that there is no debt remaining on this property, which has cost us something over twenty thousand dollars. It is but just for us to say that much the largest part of this sum has been received from friends in the East. Except so far as the Financial Statements of the Trustees go, we are not able, at this time, to give a full account of our subscriptions. The Rev. Drs. Eells and Cunningham are still in the East, and both are looking after funds for the endowment of the Seminary, and, as yet, we do not know the results. As soon as Dr. Cunningham makes the final report of his agency, we shall know the exact state of the subscriptions, and what prospects we have for the support of our Professors

The present term of the Seminary was opened on Thursday, the 6th day of September, in the new building. Introductory service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Scott, and the introductory address to the students delivered by Rev. Dr. Alexander. We have seven students entered for this term, though they are not all yet present.

The Seminary Building was dedicated on the Lord's Day, September 9th, 1877. The services were conducted by the Faculty. Dedicatory prayer and introductory address by Rev. Dr. Scott. Scriptures read by Rev. Dr. Alexander, and an address delivered by Rev. Dr. Burrowes, and also an address by Gov. H. H. Haight. The exercises were attended by a large assembly—as many as could be accommodated.

The Report of the Faculty is also herewith handed to you, marked E. The annual exercises of the Seminary were attended to during the last week of April, and were very interesting. The public exercises were attended by a large assembly, in St. John's Presbyterian Church. The annual address was delivered by the Rev. John Hemphill.

We consider our Seminary Building a great success. It is well situated and adapted to our necessities. Beside a kitchen and dining-room in the basement, there are twenty rooms in the building, including two fine parlors

for the Professors, and a large library-room. We rejoice to say, that, with the Divine blessing, we consider the Seminary established. Its foundation is a fact. Our gratitude is due to our friends in the East and to the congregations and individuals, amongst ourselves, who have so liberally assisted us in our work of erecting and furnishing the Seminary. It is earnestly hoped that we shall now soon be able to contribute more toward the support of our Professors, three of whom have labored faithfully for more than five years, and received but a very small compensation.

As most of our students are beneficiaries of the Board of Education, and we have, as yet, no scholarships, we are obliged to ask aid from our churches, as heretofore, for the students' contingent fund. We desire, in conclusion, to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and aid of our brethren, and especially to the individuals and congregations who have thus far so generously assisted in supporting our students, and in carrying forward the Seminary to its present hopeful condition. The term of six members of the Board of Directors expires at this meeting of the Synod, namely: Revs. Dr Cunningham, F. E. Shearer, W. W. Brier and John Hemphill, and Elders S. Franklin and R. J. Trumbull.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Directors.

W. A. Scott,
President.

San Francisco, Cal., October, 1877.

[B]

Report on the Best Mode of Incorporation under the laws of California, with directions in detail on all the steps to be taken previous to, and for the Act of Incorporation and adoption of By-Laws.

Your committee appointed by Synod a year ago to report to this Synod on the above subject, submit the following:

It has seemed best to your committee to call attention to some *general principles* underlying the whole subject, left undefined and optional in our Form of Government or the Code; to point out *such steps as* by the Code *must be observed* in order to create a valid corporation; and to submit *a form* for Articles of Incorporation and forms that *may* aid in the construction of By-Laws.

I.—of the steps to be taken previous to incorporation.

To organize a church all necessary direction is to be found in the Form of Government, chapter II, and chapter X, section VIII, and especially in Moore's Digest, pages 107, 108 and 173. For the election of elders and deacons, direction may be found in the Form of Government, chapter XIII, and Moore's Digest, pages 337–352.

Concerning these elections for elders, new organizations should decide upon the mode they will practice, including three points: (a) When and how often notice shall be given of a meeting to elect: (b) The mode of casting the vote, whether by ballot or otherwise: (c) Term of service, whether life tenure or for a term of years, and inasmuch as each congregation has the right to determine for itself, what mode it will adopt, we have no power to direct. It seems to be settled that only those who submit to the discipline of the church, i. e., only members of the church, have a right to vote for elders and deacons; and it seems to us that after the church is organized,

notice for an election of additional elders ought to be given from the pulpit, on at least two Sabbaths before the election. The attention of new organizations is particularly called to the eighth section of chapter XIII of the Form of Government, which was added by amending the constitution in 1875, according to which, congregations that desire may elect their elders for a term of years.

II.—OF THE ACT OF INCORPORATION.

When a church is organized and has or desires to acquire property, it is necessary to have trustees, and to incorporate under the Civil Code of California.

1. The successive steps in the act of incorporation are evident from the form or articles of incorporation herewith submitted as a part of this report.

The articles of incorporation must be signed by not less than five of the members, and acknowledged before some officer authorized to take and certify acknowledgments of conveyances of real property; and the officers conducting the meeting at which the trustees mentioned in the articles were elected, must make affidavit to the fact and the manner of the election, and the articles thus signed and certified must be filed with the County Clerk, and a copy thereof, certified by the County Clerk, must be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who will issue to the corporation, over the great seal of the State, a certificate of incorporation.

The duties of trustees, their relation to the church property, to the session, and to the temporal and spiritual affairs of the church, are fully set forth in Moore's Digest, pages 108—111, and pages 251–262 and 654.

As to number, they must be not less than three nor more than eleven.

The number of trustees may be increased, *after incorporation*, to not more than eleven, by filing a certificate in the same manner as is required in filing articles of incorporation. And trustees must be elected annually, holding office until their successors are elected.

III.—AS TO BY-LAWS.

The articles of incorporation of a church, as given below, *carry with them the adoption of the Form of Government and Book of Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and give to the body adopting them By-Laws, as required in the Code.* Nevertheless, other By-Laws explanatory of and not conflicting with the above, *may* be adopted by the congregation at the time of incorporating or subsequently.

Your Committee herewith *suggest* some or all of these that may be necessary, *none of which would be obligatory* upon any church of this Synod or its Presbyteries by the adoption of this report, and *none of which should be obligatory* upon any church by any action of this Synod, but which are given in the way of suggesting forms that may be useful.

The By-Laws authorized by the Code *may* embrace the following points:

1. Meetings of the corporation annual and other, and the notice to be given thereof.
2. The number constituting a quorum.
3. Voting by proxy, which is not allowable in our form of church government.
4. Time of the annual election of directors, and mode and manner of giving notice thereof.
5. The duties of officers.
6. The mode and manner of election and tenure of other officers.

Of the annual meeting, the President of the Board of Trustees must give two week's notice, and the notice may be from the pulpit or in such other manner as the By-Laws direct.

The number necessary to constitute a quorum may vary, but should probably not be less than five.

The trustees may call special meetings of the congregation whenever they desire so to do, but the manner of giving notice should be prescribed in the By-Laws, or else it should conform to that required for the annual meeting.

The call for a special meeting should specify the business to be transacted, and it will not be lawful to transact any business at such special meeting except that named in the call, and the trustees should be required to call a meeting whenever requested to do so by three-fourths of all those entitled to vote at such meeting.

The right of voting for pastors and trustees is not limited to communicants unless expressly so declared, and it is customary in nearly, if not in all our churches, to receive the votes of any adult, male or female, who is not a communicant, but attends the worship of the church, and contributes his just proportion, according to his own engagements, or the rules of that congregation, to all its necessary expenses.

IV.—THE FORM OF INCORPORATION UNDER SECTION 594 OF THE CIVIL CODE.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE.....

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH .....

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of incorporating under the laws of the State of California, and in pursuance of the purposes for which we have been elected, as hereinafter set forth, a religious corporation, to be known and designated as..... Presbyterian Church of.....

And we hereby certify that the objects for which this corporation is formed are:

To establish the.....*Church* at.....*in the* County of....., State of....., and in connection therewith to make suitable and customary provision for the purpose of public worship, to purchase and hold real estate, and to erect buildings thereon for the purpose of public worship and religious training, and a dwelling-house for the use of the pastor, and to provide all suitable accommodations for public worship, according to the doctrine, government, discipline and worship authorized by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America.

(2) That the principal place of business of this incorporation shall be in .....Church, in..... County of.....State of.....

THAT THE TERM for which this incorporation is established shall be *fifty** years from and after the date of incorporation thereof.

THAT the number of trustees who shall have the management of its affairs as aforesaid, shall be, and the names of the trustees for the first year, and until their successors are appointed, are :

* This is the longest term authorized in the Code.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
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THAT the said trustees were duly elected at a meeting of the members of said church, duly convened and held at..... for the purpose, among other things, of electing trustees, to take charge and management of its property, temporalities, and affairs, and to form this incorporation. That a majority of said members were then and there present, and voted, at said election, for the above-named trustees, as is more particularly set forth in the certificate and verification by the officers who conducted the election, hereto annexed and made part of these articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this .....day of..... A. D. 18.....

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the members of the..... church, duly convened for the purpose hereinafter set forth, held at ....., county of....., State of..... on..... the.....day of.....18... a majority of said members being present, who voted at said election, that .....was requested to preside, and.....to act as secretary, with which requests they respectively complied.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of..... .....trustees, to take charge and management of the property, temporalities and affairs of the .....Church, and to form an incorporation under the laws of the State of California, in furtherance of the objects for which this church is founded.

The following trustees were then duly elected, viz:

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All residents of..... .....County of.....
State of.....
....., President.
....., Secretary.

.....A. D. 18.....
..... County of..... ....., ss.
.....and..... .....
being duly sworn, depose and say, each for himself, that he was an officer conducting the election referred to in the foregoing certificate; that he has read said certificate, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge.

Subscribed and sworn to, this
.....day of .....A. D. 18...
before me.
.....
Notary Public.

State of .....
.....County of..... .....

On this.....day of....., in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-....., before me.....
a Notary Public, personally appeared.....
.....
known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL.] Notary Public.

V.—BY-LAWS OF..... .....CHURCH.

This corporation having adopted in its articles of incorporation, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, as ratified and approved by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, do further enact as By-Laws:

1. The annual meeting of this corporation shall be on..... .....
and in .....

2. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

3. Directors or Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting, by those entitled to vote for pastor, and notice of this election shall be given, with the notice of the annual meeting.

4. Of this meeting, the President of the Board of Trustees shall give two weeks' notice at religious services on the Lord's Day, of which services due notice had been given.

5. The President of the Board of Trustees may call a meeting of the corporation at any time, with three days' notice, given at a public service of the church, of which service due notice was given, *provided* he is requested to call the meeting by the Board of Trustees.

6. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, shall perform the duties usually required of such officers.

7. All members of the church, in regular standing, shall be allowed to vote for pastor and trustees.

8. Each other adult person who shall have rented for at least one year, and occupied for at least three months, a sitting or pew in the church, paying therefor quarterly in advance, shall be allowed to vote for pastor and trustees.

9. Or, all such as shall have subscribed to a pledge of regular contribution, through the trustees, equal at least, to the cost of one sitting, for at least one year, and who shall have been for three months in attendance on the church, and on the payment of the pledge, shall be entitled to vote for pastor and trustees.

10. Failure to rent sittings or to sign pledges of support, arrearages of pew rental or subscription for three months, or non-attendance or cessation of habitual attendance for six months, except for temporary absence or sickness, shall forfeit the voting right of any person, except members of the church.

11. Members of the church in regular standing, without distinction of age or sex, and no others, shall be allowed to vote for elders and deacons.

12. Notice of a meeting to elect a pastor, or to elect additional elders, must be given on two Sabbaths from the pulpit.

13. The elders shall be elected to serve three years, and the session be made to consist of three classes, one of which shall be elected every year, provided that elders, once ordained, shall not be divested of the office when they are not re-elected, but shall be entitled, if not retired, according to Chap. XIII, Form of Government, to sit and vote with the acting elders in all cases of actual process, judicially, and to represent this church in the higher judicatories, when appointed by the Session or the Presbytery.

[Or, instead of the foregoing, omit No. 9, and the elders will have life-tenure of office.]

14. Pastors, Elders, Deacons and Trustees shall be elected by ballot.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER.
ROBERT STRONG.
H. A. MAYHEW.

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PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

DISMISSIONS OF MINISTERS TO OTHER BODIES.

1. Rev. James Matthews, D. D., was dismissed October 7th, 1876, to unite with the San Francisco Presbytery.

2. Rev. John Woods was dismissed November 28th, 1876, to unite with the Presbytery of Bellefontaine.

3. Rev. Samuel Robinson was dismissed April 28th, 1877, to unite with the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

4. Rev. Ebenezer Halliday was dismissed April 28th, 1877, to unite with the Presbytery of Benicia.

5. Rev. Joseph H. Byers was dismissed October 4th, 1877, to unite with the Presbytery of Osage.

NEW CHURCHES RECEIVED UNDER THE CARE OF PRESBYTERY.

1. The Presbyterian Church at Taylorville, Plumas County, was received under the care of Presbytery, October 4th, 1876.

2. The First Presbyterian Church of Williams, Colusa County, was received under the care of Presbytery, April 28th, 1877.

3. The Presbyterian Church of Tehama, Tehama County, was received under the care of Presbytery, April 28th, 1877.

4. The Tracy Presbyterian Church, San Joaquin County, was received under the care of Presbytery, April 28th, 1877.

5. The Eldorado Presbyterian Church, of Eldorado County, was received under the care of Presbytery, October 3d, 1877.

Ministers in the Sacramento Presbytery.

1. The Sacramento Presbytery now has upon its roll of Ministers twenty-one names, including three who have received letters of dismission to other bodies, but have not yet connected themselves with them, so far as we know.

Churches under the care of the Presbytery.

We have now twenty-seven churches under the care of the Sacramento Presbytery, with a membership of 1037, according to the last reports from them.

Presbytery of Benicia.

The Presbytery of Benicia would respectfully report that it consists of twenty-one ministers, one licentiate, twenty-four churches and nine hundred and fifty-one members.

That during the year we have received two licentiates, and dismissed two ministers.

F. H. Robinson and A. H. Croco were received as licentiates, from the Presbytery of San Francisco, October 3d, 1877.

Revs. A. Fairbain and J. L. Drum were dismissed, to unite with the Presbytery of San Jose, April 14th, 1877.

That two churches have been organized, one at Fulton, Sonoma County, November 18th, 1876, the other at Duncan's Mills, called Grove Church, September 23d, 1877.

Rev. J. S. Todd was installed Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Healdsburg, May 29th, 1877.

Rev. A. J. Compton was installed Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Vacaville, June 3d, 1877.

F. H. Robinson was ordained October 3d, 1877.

N. B. Kline,
Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of Los Angeles.

The Presbytery of Los Angeles would respectfully report that it consists of fifteen ministers and sixteen churches, which have a total reported membership of six hundred and forty-four, a gain of eighty-five in the past year.

On January, 1877, the Presbyterian Church of Ojai was organized by a Committee of Presbytery, with nine members.

April 5th, 1877, Rev. James Gilchrist was received from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville.

September 11th, 1877, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. A. T. White, LL. D , and the church at Los Angeles, was dissolved; also, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. James A. Mitchell and the Pasadina Church.

Rev. W. T. P. Noble was received from the Presbytery of Chester.

Robert Strong,
Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of San Francisco.

The Presbytery of San Francisco would respectfully report to the Synod of the Pacific, that it consists of thirty-six ministers, and has under its care twenty-two churches and five licentiates. That Rev. E. J. Vail died Novem-

ber 26th, 1876; that on October 6th, 1876, Rev. I. M. Condit was *dismissed* to the Presbytery of Los Angeles, and Rev. D. W. Poor, D. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia; that it *received*, on October 6th, 1876, Rev. Thomas Fraser, from the Presbytery of Benicia; on November 13th, 1876, Rev. J. M. Allis, from the Presbytery of Los Angeles; on January 15th, 1877, Rev. James Matthews, D. D., from the Presbytery of Sacramento; on January 22d, 1877, Rev. James Agnew, from the Presbytery of Des Moines, and, on April 3d, 1877, Rev. Robert Smith Symington, from the Presbytery of San Jose.

That it constituted the pastoral relation on December 17th, 1876, between the Woodbridge Church and the Rev. S. Woodbridge, D. D., and, on February 4th, 1877, between the first Church of Oakland and Rev. James Eells, D. D.

That it organized a French Protestant Church, on February, 1877, and about the same time the First Presbyterian Church of West Berkeley.

That it licensed, on April 26th, 1877, Messrs. W. O. Phillips, A. H. Croco, A. T. Robertson, J. M. Dinsmore, and J. L. McKeehan, M. D., and, on the same day, received William Thompson, a licentiate, from the care of the Presbytery of New Albany, and it dismissed, on September 4th, 1877, the following licentiates, viz:

F. H. Robinson and A. H. Croco to the Presbytery of Benicia, and A. T. Robertson to the Presbytery of Placerville.

That on September 4th, A. D. 1877, it deposed T. Madison Dawson from the ministry, and cut him off from the communion of the Presbyterian Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER,
Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

The Presbytery has twenty ministers, and has under its care twenty churches; one church has been organized, and a house of worship erected at Pleasanton, in Alameda County.

Rev. Amos Jones and Rev. Alexander Fairbairn were received from other Presbyteries.

Rev. John G. Downing has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Utah.

Rev. Martin Post has been dismissed to the Valley Association of the Congregational Churches.

Rev. Henry Loomis has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Benicia.

The pastoral relation between Rev. E. M. Betts and the San Jose Church, was dissolved June 26th, 1877.

W. W. BRIER,
Stated Clerk.

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STANDING RULES.

I. The Synod shall meet annually during the first week in October, at such time and place as shall be designated at the meeting of the preceding year.

II. The place of meeting shall be determined by a majority, and not by a plurality, of votes. After calling the roll for the first vote, the two places having the greatest number of votes shall alone be voted for.

III. At each meeting of the Synod a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed to provide for the entertainment of Synod at its next meeting.

IV. The session of the church in which the Synod is to meet shall be a Committee on Devotional Exercises, and propose to Synod the time and character of such special public religious services as may be desirable, and not otherwise provided for.

V. The first half hour of every morning session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

VI. The annual meeting of Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator; or, in case of his absence, by another member appointed at each meeting for the next succeeding meeting.

VII. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator, Stated Clerk, two Temporary Clerks, and a Treasurer — all to be elected by a majority vote. The Moderator and Temporary Clerks shall serve for one year; the Stated Clerk and Treasurer during the pleasure of the Synod.

VIII. The Stated Clerk shall give due notice, through *The Occident*, of the time and place of each meeting of Synod; and prepare for each meeting, and keep a docket of the business that is to come before the Synod. The compensation for the services of the Stated Clerk shall be fifty dollars per annum.

IX. The roll of each Presbytery is to be forwarded by its Stated Clerk immediately after its last meeting next preceding the meeting of Synod, to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

X. Each Presbytery is required to report to each annual meeting of Synod the number of churches, ministers, licentiates, and candidates within the bounds of the Presbytery; and, also, the changes that have taken place during the year, whether from death, reception and dismission of ministers, ordinations, installations, licensures, dissolution of pastoral relationships, organization or dissolution of churches, or from any other cause whatever.

XI. Each Presbytery shall also forward a written narrative of the state of religion in its bounds, to the Committee of Synod on the Narrative, as soon as possible before the meeting of Synod.

XII. The following standing committees shall be appointed at each annual meeting:

1. On Bills and Overtures, to consist of five members.
2. On Judicial Business, five members.
3. On Minutes of the General Assembly, three members.
4. On Leave of Absence, three members.
5. On the Treasurer's Account, three members.
6. On Finance and Mileage, five members.
7. On Theological Seminary, five members.
8. On Correspondence, three members.
9. On Synodical Sunday-school meetings, three members.
10. On the Narrative of the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod for the ensuing year, three members.
11. On the Records of the Presbyteries, as many committees as there are Presbyteries in the Synod, to consist of three members each.
12. On Home Missions.
13. On Foreign Missions.
14. On Education.
15. On Publication.
16. On Church Erection.
17. On Ministerial Relief.
18. On Freedmen.

Each Committee to be one minister and one elder from each Presbytery,

including the Chairman of the respective committees in each Presbytery. Vacancies to be filled by the Moderator.

XIII. Standing committees shall report in writing at each annual meeting of Synod.

XIV. Members of Synod absent from its sessions shall assign the reasons for such absence by letter, and those reasons shall be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence, and be reported thereon.

XV. The Minutes shall be published in pamphlet form, under direction of the Stated Clerk, and a copy sent to every minister and to the session of every vacant church.

XVI. The General Rules for Judicatories, adopted by the General Assembly, are hereby adopted as a part of these Standing Rules, so far as they are not inconsistent herewith.

XVII. An assessment for the Contingent and Mileage Fund shall be made at each meeting of Synod for the ensuing year, and churches shall be required to contribute to this according to their membership published in the Minutes of the General Assembly last preceding the meeting of Synod at which the assessment falls due.

XVIII. The Treasurer of each Presbytery shall send to the Treasurer of the Synod the full amount required under the assessment, each Presbytery making its own arrangements for collection.

XIX. The Treasurer of the Synod, under the direction of the Finance and Mileage Committee, shall deduct from the amounts received the necessary sum for the ordinary expenses of the Synod, and place the balance, with statement of the amount in default, at the disposal of the Finance and Mileage Committee for mileage.

XX. The Treasurer of each Presbytery, or his representative, in case of his absence, shall gather and hand to the Mileage Committee the mileage claim of the members of the Presbytery in attendance in detail, actual stage, railroad or steamer fares by cheapest route only being counted, without allowance for incidentals of any kind.

XXI. The Mileage Committee, after deducting $5 from each claim, shall pay to the acting Treasurer of each Presbytery the amount due to his Presbytery for distribution by him, the amount paid being in proportion to the amount at the disposal of the Committee, but not to exceed actual fares less $5, as above. Any balance in the hands of the Mileage Committee shall be returned to the Treasurer of Synod, and to be taken into account in their recommendation of the amount of the next assessment.

XXII. If any Presbytery neglects or fails to send its full assessment, then the amount in default shall be charged to the Presbytery, and deducted from the amount appropriated to it, and these sums shall therefore be treated by the Mileage Committee as part of its cash assets. The Presbytery of San Francisco is alone and expressly excepted from the operation of this rule.

XXIII. No claim for mileage shall be allowed to any member who is not in attendance before the close of the first morning session, or who does not remain until the close of the session, unless his excuse is stated and sustained in open Synod.

XXIV. The roll shall be called at the opening and close of the session of Synod, and the names of the absentees marked.

XXV. The Committee on Sunday-school meeting shall report for adoption a programme for a Sunday-school meeting or meetings to be held in connection with the next meeting of Synod.

XXVI. The Synodical Missionary and Directors of the Theological Seminary shall be elected by ballot.

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PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

Churches:	*Elders:*
Vallejo	Samuel Duncan, C. B. Towle, Robert B. Barr.
Shiloh	
Tomales	John McCausland, S. Duncan.
Two Rocks	Robert Andrews, David Morrow.
Big Valley	Stephen C. Fowler.
Vacaville	Robert Simpson, J. B. Johnson, J. C. Weir.
Santa Rosa	Edwin H. Smyth, Isaac Parsons.
San Rafael	R. J. Trumbull.
Healdsburg	E. H. Gates, John Flack.
Napa	Thomas B. McClure, S. Wing, Rob't S. Thompson.
Mendocino	Edward C. Williams, Charles W. Denslow.
St. Helena	
Calistoga	
Clear Lake—First	H. I. Bailey.
" " —Second	R. G. Reynolds, M. D.
Point Arena	Benjamin T. McClure.
Davisville	Wm. H. Hampton, T. B. Tufts, C. E. Green.
Westminster	A. A. Saunders.
Ukiah	N. Wagenseller, T. Reeves, G. A. Hocker.
Bolinas	Robert D. Bayley.
Benicia	
Arcata	John W. Skinner, Isaac Culberg, William Spring.
Fulton	Henry Melancthon Trenner, Jacob Salliday.

PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

San Diego	F. N. Pauley, L. C. Gunn.
San Buenaventura	E. A. Duval, J. P. Cutler.
Pasadena	Homer G. Newton, M. D., Wm. T. Clapp, Wm. C. Mosher.
Orange	A. A. Talkington, Samuel Armor, J. D. Parker, Robert Hall.
Anaheim	P. C. McKinnie, Alex. Bailey, Geo. F. Miles.
Los Angeles	Capt. Wm. Smith, Angus Colson, J. S. Slawson, Hon. John S. Thompson.
Westminster	Josiah McCoy, W. J. Patterson, Eben Trunnell, James McFadden, Samuel N. Cochrane, P. M. Napier.
Santa Ana	David Morton, George W. McDowell.
Santa Barbara	Hon. E. B. Hall, C. C. Rynerson, L. G. Oliver, Enoch Covert.
Santa Monica	J. H. Clark.
Colton	Wm. R. Fox, M. D., John S. Ward.
San Bernardino	Wm. Craig, Geo. N. Hicks.
Guadaloupe	George Shafer, Daniel Coiner, Thos. S. Brown.
Carpinteria	Thos. F. Fish, E. D. Dimmick.
Wilmington	
Ojai	Wm. S. McKee, Alexander F. McClure.

PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

Elko	J. Marchant.
Eureka	John Horn.

Churches :	*Elders :*
Virginia City	A. B. Elliott, Andrew Fraser, John S. Grant, William M. Holland.
Carson City	William Anderson, John Singleton.
Pioche	G. H Fish.
Red Bluff	Meyer J. Frank.
Tehama	William Rogers.
Chico	Watson Chalmers, George P. Farr, General John Bidwell.
Colusa	David Craig Montgomery.
Williams	
Marysville	A. W. Cutts, Dr. Teegarden.
Sacramento	Andrew Aitken, Alexander Hill, Felix Tracy, Alexander H. McDonald, Abraham B. Venable, Henry Fisher.
Elk Grove	George Harvey Kerr.
Woodbridge	John Rutledge, Andrew Thomas Rutledge.
Stockton Presb	William M. Baggs, James Crosier, Prof. A. H. Randall, James Tatterson.
Tracy	
Grayson	James R. McDonald.
Merced	John K. Law.
Sonora	Harvey Mayes.
Columbia	Pearl S. Peters.
Jackson	
Ione	J. M. H. Johnston.
Amador	L. S. Lewis.
Mt. Aukum	Sturgess S. McNaghten, John S. Lamb, Daniel H. Mitchel.
Placerville	E. B. Conklin, Wm. Chamberlain, E. Thomas Lee, W. B. House.
Eldorado	Munson S. Robinson, T. S. Dwight.
Taylorville	

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, First	Nathaniel Gray, Thomas S. Hopkins, Charles Kellogg, Samuel Irving, J. K. S. Latham, Robert Flenniken.
Howard	Wales L. Palmer, William A. Meeker, Ebenezer R. Hawley, George McDonald, Charles H. Fish.
Calvary	James B. Roberts, Redick McKee, William H. Stowell, Cyrus Carmany.
Larkin Street	Warren Holt.
Chinese	
Oakland, First	Jerome B. Ford, George W. Armes, C. W. Armes, W. H. Bartlett, George S. Dodge, J. J. Gardner.
Brooklyn	James Ireland, Morton Humphrey.
Danville	A. J. Young, Joseph Wiley.
Alameda	S. A. Hastings, J. W. McKee.
Central	A. Hemme, G. I. N. Monell, Asa Parker.
Westminster	Charles Geddes. David A. Brown, John O. Doane, Monroe Greenwood.

Churches :	*Elders :*
Emmanuel	
Olivet	John H. Marquart.
First German Church of Oakland	
Centennial	Duane Ballard, Henry F. Crane.
French	Numa Duperu, Adolph Juillerat.
San Pablo	John Nicoll, Hans Hulgersen.
West Berkeley	James Higginś.
Howard Street	J. W. Stewart, O. F. Von Rhein, A. S. Hall.
Woodbridge	Hugh Forseman, A. H. Murphy.
St. John's	Stephen Franklin, George K. Mearns, Wiliam Small, George K. Gluyas, J. D. Thornton, Edward Dillon.
Memorial	Hugh Crockard, John Gamble.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

Milpitas	Joseph R. Weller.
Salinas City	Henry Scott, Alexander French, Judge M. Farley, Wm. Witherow.
Hollister	A. W. Finley.
Westminster	Milton S. Wilson, George W. McGrew, Elijah C. Bradberry, C. B. Turner.
San Leandro	A. C. DuBois, Andrew Jones.
Menlo Park	H. P. Coon.
Mayfield	P. S. Sloan, J. McG. Patterson.
San Luis Obispo	Judge McD. R. Venable.
Arroyo Grande	
Centerville	F. H. Hilton.
Alvarado	
San Jose	Berryman Bryant, M. D., China Smith, M. D., Chas. W. Breyfogle, M. D., Frederick F. Field, Henry H. Reynolds, Thos. Douglas.
Watsonville	James Rodgers, Neil McLean.
Visalia	John A. Keyes, A. C. Stevenson, M. D.
Tule River	Wm. Thomson.
Gilroy	D. Huber, M. D., H. W. Briggs, Rodney Eschenberg.
Livermore	H. R. Huie, Owen Owens.
Pleasanton	L. T. Hayden.
Cambria	James C. McPherson, Lorenzo Utley, William B. Herbert, Alexander Cook.
Bakersfield	Wellington Canfield, B. K. Said.

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SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS AND STATED CLERKS.

MODERATORS.

1852-69.

1.—(O. S. Branch.)

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC

A. D.	NAME.	PRESBYTERY.	PLACE.
1852,	James Woods,	of Stockton,	at San Francisco, Cal.
1854,	J. L. Yantis, D. D.,	Oregon,	" "
1856,	W. C. Anderson, D. D.,	California,	" "
1859,	S. Woodbridge, D. D.,	Benicia,	" "
1860,	Frederick Buel,	California,	Stockton, "
1861,	Joshua L. Phelps, D. D.,	Stockton,	Napa, "
1862,	Henry R. Avery,	Oregon,	San Francisco, "
1863,	P. V. Veeder,	Benicia,	" "
1864,	R. Happersett, D D ,	Stockton,	" "
1865,	John Edwards,	California,	Healdsburg, "
1866,	Thomas Fraser,	Benicia,	San Francisco, "
1867,	J. S. McDonald,	Stockton,	" "
1868,	J. G. Fackler,	California,	" "
1869,	A. L. Lindsley, D. D.,	Oregon,	" "

1857-69.

2.—(N. S. Branch.)

SYNOD OF ALTA CALIFORNIA.

1857,	S. H. Willey,	of San Francisco,	at Sacramento, Cal.
1858,	S. S. Harmon,	Sierra Nevada,	San Francisco, "
1859,	W. W. Brier,	San Jose,	" "
1860,	S. B. Bell,	"	" "
1861,	L. Hamilton,	"	Sacramento, "
1862,	E. B. Walsworth,	Sierra Nevada,	San Francisco, "
1863,	A. F. White,	San Jose,	" "
1864,	G. Pierson,	"	" "
1865,	C. C. Wallace,	Sierra Nevada,	Oakland, "
1666,	H. M. Scudder, D. D.,	San Francisco,	San Francisco, "
1867,	I. N. Hurd,	"	" "
1868,	James Pierpoint,	"	" "
1869,	E. B. Walsworth,	San Jose,	" "

1870-76.

3.—(Reunited Church.)

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC.

1870,	J. G. Fackler,	of California,	at San Francisco, Cal
1871,	W. W. Brier,	San Jose,	Oakland, "
1872,	N. B. Klink,	Benicia,	Gilroy, "
1873,	A. L. Lindsley, D. D.,	Oregon,	San Francisco, "
1874,	Frederic E. Shearer,	San Francisco,	Sacramento, "
1875,	James Matthews, D. D.,	Sacramento,	Oakland, "
1876,	W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D.,	San Francisco,	San Jose, "
1877,	Edward Graham,	Los Angeles,	Stockton, "

STATED CLERKS.

1. (O. S. Branch.)

1852, Albert Williams.
1856, S. Woodbridge, Jr.
1862, Albert Williams.
1865, John Edwards.

2. (N. S. Branch.)

1857, E. B. Walsworth.
1868, George Pierson.

(Reunited Church.)

1870, D. W. Poor, D. D.
1873, Frederic E. Shearer.